

HIGH

12"

You've seen it. We've seen it. Everyone's seen it ... high grass and weeds in yards and vacant lots. Not only are they unsightly eyesores in our City; but they pose a fire hazard, block visibility for drivers, contribute to allergies, harbor rodents and snakes, and contribute to pests like mosquitoes and chiggers.

The Fort Worth City Code of Regulations states that property owners are responsible for maintaining their yards and vacant lots. The City Code also states that grass and weeds that average over 12" in height are a violation.

So what could happen to you?

To stay within Code, you should keep your yard and vacant lots mowed to less than 12 inches. If a Code Officer finds the grass on your property to be taller than 12 inches, you will receive a certified notice (once per year) and will have 10 days to mow it. If you don't, a City contractor will do the job for you, and it won't be cheap. The average bill for a residential lot is \$250, payable within 30 days.

Those who decide to just let the City do their job for them, may get an even more expensive surprise. The City can place liens against these properties at the Tarrant County Court House, which STAY with the property until they're paid. While the liens are on file, the owner's cost goes up as a result of the interest penalty that is assessed. This means the owner will have to pay one way or another!!

So avoid forking over a pile of green stuff to have the City cut down your other green stuff -- keep your property mowed and cleaned.



Property owners who have questions should contact the City's Code Compliance Department at 817-392-1234. Billing appeals must be put in writing and forwarded to: Fort Worth Code Compliance, Attn: Weed Dispute, 715 Texas St., Fort Worth, 76102. Residents must make their appeals within six months of the first billing notification.

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GRASS AND WEEDS

ARE THEY A PROBLEM IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?



HOW THE CITY PLOTS WEEDY LOTS

